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SUBJECT: QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT - NUCLEAR ASPECTS

REF: (A) STATE 258287 (1975); (B) CAIRO 1934 (NOTAL);

(C) CAIRO 2096 (NOTAL)

1. USG HAS COMPLETED REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS OF POTENTIAL  
NOMINEES FOR QATTARA BOARD OF ADVISORS. IN SELECTION

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PROCESS KEY CRITERION HAS BEEN ABILITY TO HELP GOE ACHIEVE

THOROUGH, REALISTIC EVALUATION OF PNES AND OTHER METHODS FOR ACCOMPLISHING QATTARA PROJECT. WITH VIEW TO ENSURING THAT RELEVANT US EXPERTISE IS FULLY AVAILABLE, USG IS CONSIDERING NOMINATING A TEAM OF TWO EXPERTS RATHER THAN SINGLE INDIVIDUAL ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED. THE TWO EXPERTS THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO NOMINATE WERE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH US STUDY OF POSSIBLE ATLANTIC-PACIFIC INTER-OCEANIC CANAL.

2. PLEASE COMMUNICATE INFO CONTAINED PARA 1 TO MINISTER SULTAN INFORMALLY AND SEEK HIS ASSURANCES THAT NOMINATION OF TWO-MAN TEAM RATHER THAN SINGLE INDIVIDUAL IS ACCEPTABLE AND THAT BOTH WILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WORK OF BOARD OF ADVISORS. FYI: WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED THAT WITHOUT SUCH ASSURANCES THERE IS RISK THAT

GOE WILL INVOLVE ONLY HALF OF THE TWO-MAN TEAM IN PROJECT AND THAT AS A RESULT USG INTERESTS WILL NOT BE ADEQUATELY SERVED. END FYI.

3. IF THIS ARRANGEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOE, DEPARTMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD NAMES AND BACKGROUND DATA ON THE EXPERTS WE HAVE SELECTED.

4. REFTELS B AND C BEING REPEATED TO INFO ADDRESSES. INGERSOLL

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